

H A P P Y I N D E P E N D E N C E D A Y ★ B E S A F E

## Sacrifices we make today parallel earliest pledges for freedom

In 1776, on the fourth day of July, the representatives of the several States in Congress assembled. These leaders, who we know today as our Founding Fathers, mutually pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to each other and to the Nation. During the course of the seven-year war that followed their brave, worldwide declaration, nine of the original signers died of wounds or hardships, 17 lost everything they had or owned, and five were imprisoned or captured. They risked all they had, sacrificing everything for freedom – they all kept their pledge and their sacred honor.

On that fateful day, a wonderful coun-

try was born, and a revolutionary idea was sent forth to all: Freedom, not by the good grace of government, but as the birthright of every individual. Equality, not as a philosophical theory, but by the design of our Creator. Natural rights, not for the few, not even for a fortunate many, but for all people in all places, in all times.

Today, our world still echoes with the ideals of America's Declaration. Our ideals have been warmly accepted and openly adopted in many countries and bitterly opposed by tyrants in others. They are the mighty rock on which we have built our Nation. These ideals are the hope of all who embrace our freedom and democracy. They are the standard by which we hold others, and the standard by which we measure ourselves. Our greatest achievements have come when

we have lived up to these ideals. Our greatest tragedies have come when we have failed to uphold them.

We are engaged in a struggle as great as any America has faced throughout her long and honored history. It is every bit as much a fight for freedom as the war our Founding Fathers waged. Once again it is a battle for humanity, for the right of all people – not just Americans – to live in a world free of terror and fear. You are the men and women who are fighting this new war. Whether your efforts are directed at recruiting the young men and women who will fill our ranks, training our recruits to be smartly disciplined and physically fit, or supporting the critical behind-the-scenes actions, your collective efforts are the critical component of our Nation's success in the war against terrorism.

I ask you all as you head off to barbecues, or go to the beach, or simply relax with your friends and loved ones, remember the true significance of this unique and memorable day. As Americans, we have much for which to be thankful. I ask you also to pause and remember our fellow brothers and sisters serving around the world, many in harm's way, who cannot be with us today. Be proud of them, be proud of yourselves and be proud of the tremendous job we all do in the service of our great country. Have a safe weekend; you deserve it. Semper Fidelis!

Sincerely,  
  
J.M. Paxton Jr.  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

## WWII Medal of Honor recipient, former commandant dies at 85

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS  
Washington, D.C.

Louis H. Wilson, 85, Medal of Honor recipient for heroic actions fighting enemy forces at Fonte Hill, Guam, Mariana Islands, in World War II, and 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died June 21 at his home in Birmingham, Ala., with his family present.

A hero by any definition, Gen. Wilson was just a young captain and placed in command of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, when, although wounded several times, he succeeded in capturing and holding the strategic high ground in his regimental sector against a numerically greater force, which contributed significantly to the ultimate victory on Guam.

Gen. Wilson "repeatedly exposed himself to the merciless hail of shrapnel and bullets, dashing fifty yards into the open on one occasion to rescue a wounded Marine lying helpless

beyond the front lines. Fighting fiercely in hand-to-hand encounters, he led his men in furiously waged battle for approximately ten hours," according to his Medal of Honor citation. Because of the wounds he received in the fierce fighting, then Capt. Wilson was evacuated to U.S. Naval Hospital San Diego where he remained until Oct. 16, 1944.

President Harry S. Truman personally thanked Gen. Wilson by presenting his award in a special ceremony at the White House in Washington.

Besides earning the nation's highest honor for heroism in combat, Gen. Wilson served in a variety of command and staff positions, which included service in Korea and command of The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. He graduated from the National War College in June 1962 and after a second tour at Headquarters, he returned to 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as the assistant chief of staff, operations and training, deploying with the division first to Okinawa, Japan, and then to Vietnam.

This was followed by duty as

SEE **General, pg. 2**



## WAR VETS MAKE BIG STRIDES IN BIG APPLE

Wounded service members from Naval Medical Center San Diego and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Md., gather in New York City's Central Park the day before the Achilles Track Club Hope and Possibilities Run/Walk. The service members met a day before the race to stretch out, and the ambulatory impaired racers selected hand-crank racing wheel chairs. The five-mile run was open to the public, but was geared toward disabled racers. See story, Pg. 4. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



## RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

One of Sudan's lost boys, becomes one of the few.

6



## CHAMPIONSHIP SOFTBALL

RTR scores big points toward cup with tourney wins.

8





## BAY VIEW OPENED FOR BIZ

(From left) Bud Capello, Thomas Belgard, depot commanding general Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., Frank Guasti, Michael Halbur, Paul Renteria and Bill Magauson cut the ribbon to the renovated Bay View restaurant June 22. Beforehand, Brig. Gen. Paxton made remarks and applauded the hard work and dedication workers put into reconstructing the restaurant. The opening featured food and drink samples, celebrity impersonators and hand-rolled cigars. The \$4.8 million construction added new kitchen gear and ramps so the Bay View can cater to the public and private parties at the same time. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

# Marine dollar to arrive this month

FROM THE UNITED STATES MINT,  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
[www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov)

This year, the United States proudly honors the Marine Corps and all Marines who have sacrificed and contributed in our Nation's service. Public Law 108-291, signed August 6, 2004, authorizes the minting of a Silver Dollar to commemorate the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the raising of two battalions of American Marines, thereby creating the legendary institution today known as the United States Marine Corps. From the Nation's birth to the present day, the Marines represent a proud culture of service and contribution in defense of the values and freedoms at the heart of the American experience.

According to the Marines' Hymn, Marines have "fought in ev'ry clime and place" throughout our Nation's history. The story of the Marine Corps is the personification of American military history beginning with the American Revolution. The flag raising at Iwo Jima, represented at the Marine Corps War

Memorial, is ingrained in the public mind as perhaps the enduring image of World War II.

Today, the Marines continue to exemplify the warrior ethos that has made it a fighting force of international repute. The philosophy of the Corps—and of the hundreds of thousands of individuals who have earned the title "Marine" over the last 230 years—is simply stated in its core values: Honor. Courage. Commitment.

Coins offered in both proof and un-

circulated condition may be issued under this Act only during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2005.

Surcharges from the sale of each coin are authorized for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., which is being developed as a partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the United States Marine Corps.

These coins will go on sale July 20, 2005.



The U.S. Mint at Philadelphia struck a new silver dollar May 25, commemorating the Marine Corps' 230th anniversary, and the coin's official launch will be at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., July 20.

### General, from pg. 1

commanding officer of 6th Marine Corps District in Atlanta.

Gen. Wilson was promoted to brigadier general in November 1966, and was the legislative assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1967 and 1968. This was followed by a tour as chief of staff, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific and commanding general, I Marine Amphibious Force and 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa. Gen. Wilson became director of the Education Center at MCB Quantico in 1971, and in 1972 he assumed command of Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific. He was appointed Commandant of the Marine Corps July 1, 1975. In October of 1978, Gen. Wilson achieved full membership

on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Gen. Wilson retired June 30, 1979, and will always be remembered as skillfully guiding the Marine Corps through the turbulent and challenging post-Vietnam era. During his tenure as commandant, he laid a firm foundation of high standards and demanding training that ensured the Marine Corps remained a modern, mobile, general purpose, combined arms force with amphibious expertise prepared for low- and high-intensity combat against a wide spectrum of potential foes around the globe.

"The entire Marine Corps family is saddened by the passing of Marine General Louis Hugh Wilson Jr., our 26th Commandant, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his

family and friends," said Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"General Wilson was a forward-thinker who was ahead of his time. As commandant from 1975-1979, he stressed modernization, readiness, expeditionary capabilities and integrated firepower – areas that we still concentrate on today. His legacy of valor and leadership will live forever in the Marine Corps."

After his military retirement in June 1979, Gen. Wilson lived in Mississippi and California, and subsequently moved to be near family in Birmingham. During this time, he felt privileged to serve on the boards of Merrill Lynch, Burlington Resources and the Fluor Corporation.

Gen. Wilson's culminating

act of public service occurred in October 1995, when at age 75 he addressed a Joint Meeting of the U.S. Congress commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

Gen. Wilson is survived by his wife, Jane Clark Wilson; daughter, Janet Wilson Taylor; son-in-law Jarred O. Taylor II; and grandsons Jarred O. Taylor III and Louis Wilson Taylor, all of Birmingham.

The Wilson family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations in the general's memory be made to the Marine Corps University Foundation of which he was a long-term trustee (P.O. Box 122 Quantico, VA 22134-0122), or other Marine Corps related organization.

Gen. Wilson's full biography is available at [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil).

## BRIEFS

### Child reading program

The depot library is holding its annual summer reading program for service members' children.

The program began Memorial Day and lasts until Labor Day. After reading 40 books from the depot library, children will receive a toy of the character Dash from the movie, according to librarian Becky Young.

Books are automatically tallied when children check them out. Parents with children too young to read may read to their children to accumulate the number of books read, said Young.

The library also hosts a weekly children's story hour Fridays at 2 p.m. in its children's room. Parents are encouraged to read to their children and are more than welcome to attend, said Young.

### Curb conflict, anger, stress

The Family Advocacy Program's prevention and education department is offering separate classes to curb conflict, anger and stress this summer at the Family Service Center in Bldg. 14 West. Participants must register. For more information, call (619) 524-1200 or 524-0465.

- A one-hour **conflict resolution** class Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. will teach how to maintain self-respect and improve character at home and at work.

- A one-hour **stress management** class, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. will teach how to reverse burnout by evoking relaxation.

- A four-part **anger management** class Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. will teach basic techniques on self-control and expression.

### U.S. Marine Parents' Conference

The second annual National Marine Corps Parents' Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Kansas City, Mo., July 28-31.

The conference will include workshops, a city tour, a golf outing, and buffets. For more information, visit [www.marineparentsunitd.com](http://www.marineparentsunitd.com), or call (608) 455-7276 or (260) 636-3102.

### SEND BRIEFS TO:

[edward.guevara@usmc.mil](mailto:edward.guevara@usmc.mil). The Chevron staff reserves the right to publish only those briefs that comply with Department of Defense regulations and the standards of the U.S. Government.



The Commanding General's Cup is halfway done, and the race for first has been a close one. Here are this year's remaining events:

- **Flag Football League, Tuesday**

- **6-on-6 Outdoor Soccer, Aug. 16** (coaches meet Aug. 8)

- **Sand Volleyball, Sept. 27** (coaches meet Sept. 19)

- **Bowling League, Oct. 3** (coaches meet Sept. 26)

- **Powerlifting Tournament, Nov. 15** (coaches meet Nov. 7)

- **Turkey Trot, Nov. 22**

- **3-on-3 Basketball, Nov. 29** (coaches meet Nov. 21)

- **Field Meet, Dec. 9**

# sexual HARASSMENT

## Drawing lines and breaking down what's inappropriate

BY JULIE M. FLORES

Contributing writer

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Sexual harassment occurs where the statements or non-verbal actions of one person place another in an uncomfortable position because of their inappropriate sexual nature. In order for sexual harassment to occur, there must be some relationship of trust and confidence or a business relationship between the two parties. However, a court may extend this to any "special relationship."

### LEGAL

Sexual harassment occurs where one person of this relationship makes sexual advances, solicitations, sexual requests, demands for sexual compliance by the other, or engages in other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature or of a hostile nature based on gender, that were unwelcome and pervasive or severe. Further, the relationship must be such that there is an inability by the plaintiff to easily terminate the relationship. In an employer/employee relationship, this is especially prominent as the employee may stand to lose his job. Sexual harassment necessarily involves some suffering on the part of the harassed such that economic loss or personal injury may occur as a result of the harassment.

Sexual harassment is far broader than a threat along the lines, "If you want to keep your job, you'll have to go to bed with me." Courts and agencies – after considering all of the circumstances in the particular cases – have found the following types of conduct to be illegal sexual harassment:

### What kinds of actions are considered to be sexual harassment?

- Repeated sexual innuendo, obscene or off-color jokes, slurs, lewd remarks and language, and other offensive sexual comments
- Content in letters and notes, facsimiles, e-mail, graffiti that is of a sexual nature or sexually abusive
- Sexual propositions, insults, and threats
- Sexually-oriented demeaning names
- Persistent unwanted sexual or romantic overtures or attention
- Leering, whistling, or other sexually suggestive sounds or gestures
- Displaying pornographic pictures, calendars, cartoons, or other sexual material in the workplace
- Coerced or unwelcome touching, patting, brushing up against, pinching, kissing, stroking, massaging, squeezing, fondling, or tickling
- Subtle or overt pressure for sexual favors; (10) coerced sexual intercourse (e.g., as a condition of employment or academic status).

The Supreme Court has unanimously decided that an isolated, crude remark is not enough to trigger a sexual harassment case under the federal civil rights law. Sexual harassment refers to a pattern of "severe or pervasive" abuse; a single remark is not the type of behavior that supported a sexual harassment claim, though the employee might think it was unlawful harassment.

### How do I know if I am sexually harassing someone?

Sexual harassment involves placing another person in an uncomfortable situation. It may be hard to tell whether your actions are making people uncomfortable. Just because your conduct or statements do not make you

uncomfortable does not mean that others around you are not feeling that way. Thus, even if you aren't meaning to be sexually inappropriate or feel like what you are doing and saying is acceptable, you may still be harming those around you. The best way to make sure you are creating a friendly environment is simply avoid any conduct that might make a person feel uncomfortable.

### What should I do if I see someone else being sexually harassed?

It is everyone's duty to watch out for inappropriate behaviors, especially at work, so, if anyone around you begins a conversation or course of action that may be construed as unsuitable or might make a person of a certain race or gender uncomfortable, stop them. Although it seems like a difficult task, most people would never have wanted others to be uncomfortable and would appreciate your concern for the people around you. It is also important to know that an employer might become liable for sexual harassment caused by his employees.

Prevention is the best tool to eliminate sexual harassment in the workplace. Employers are encouraged to take steps necessary to prevent sexual harassment from occurring. They should clearly communicate to employees that sexual harassment will not be tolerated. They can do so by establishing an effective complaint or grievance process and taking immediate and appropriate action when an employee complains.

### What should I do if I feel I am being sexually harassed?

If you feel like you are being sexually harassed, start recording the facts immediately, including date, time, place, and who was present. Be detailed in what occurred. Initially, you should keep a detailed journal of every incident of sexual harassment, which should include the date, time, place, name of the harasser and his or her actions and/or words. (Your notes and documentation are critical evidence, and will be needed if you file a claim.) Try not to be alone with the harasser so that someone will be a witness to the offensive behavior and your feelings about it.

File a written complaint with your employer. If the employer has a procedure for handling sexual harassment grievances, you should follow it. If you do not complain to the employer, the employer can escape liability by claiming that he or she was not aware of the problem nor could he or she have known of it. However, if the problem is not remedied, you may want to pursue your case through the legal system by contacting the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, or an attorney at the legal assistance office.

If you are experiencing sexual harassment, there are a variety of steps you can take. Ignoring sexual harassment does not make it go away. The harasser may interpret a lack of response as encouragement.

Be sure to say "NO" clearly, firmly and without smiling. There is a chance that the harasser does not realize the behavior is offensive; you must be firm in saying that you are offended. If you decide to file charges later, it's helpful (although not necessary) to have objected to the behavior. If you smile or act unsure of yourself, the harasser may think you're saying "Yes" instead of "No." Practice with a friend until you can say "That behavior offends me" in a way that is firm and clear.

If you need more assistance or have further questions, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at (619) 524-4110.

*Flores is an intern at the depot's legal assistance office.*

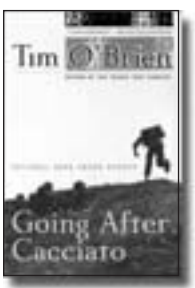
## Complicated ideas fill 'Going After Cacciato'

BY LANCE CPL. BRANDON M. GALE

Contributing writer

The winner of the National Book Award for Fiction in 1979, author Tim O'Brien's novel, "Going After Cacciato," tells the story of a squad of U.S. soldiers who must pursue one of their own after

### BOOK REVIEW



he decides to leave the Vietnam War and walk to Paris. After graduating from college in 1968, O'Brien was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam with the 5th Battalion, 46th Infantry from January 1969 to March 1970 and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while in combat.

O'Brien uses the tale of a squad's journey, told from the point of view of Pfc. Paul Berlin, to express his feelings about the war and American culture.

"To call 'Going After Cacciato' a novel about war is like calling 'Moby Dick' a novel about whales," is how a New York Times review described the book's mix of human relationships and social commentary.

Cacciato, whose name literally means "pursue" in Italian, is only a minor character in the book. We learn only that he is tired of the war and would rather be in Paris, even if it means walking more than 8,000 miles to get there. The reason behind his decision and his ultimate fate are barely addressed in the book.

The power and drive of the story comes from Paul Berlin's narration.

During the squad's journey, Berlin looks back fondly on his family and hometown. He questions his motives for joining the Army. Was it to win the respect of his father, or did he do it because he thought he needed to prove something to himself? O'Brien writes thoughtfully and eloquently about these questions, making them seem to be about more than a specific war in a specific place.

The search for Cacciato is also broken up by Berlin's memories of the horrors he's seen in combat. He recounts the friends he's made and lost, and the terrible things the soldiers and Vietnamese people had to endure.

O'Brien's experience in Vietnam gives these vignettes a poignancy and credibility that can only come from an author who is truly passionate about his subject.

As the soldiers move farther away from the war in search of Cacciato, they become like travelers for whom the journey is more important than any destination. They find themselves attacked on a train in India, arrested in Iran, on a boat in Greece, and finally, on the tree-lined boulevards of Paris.

Were these men deserters, just like Cacciato? Is it possible for a group of men to march six months and 8,000 miles with minimal supplies and little money? The book raises many questions like these and answers very few of them. It simply doesn't have to. O'Brien realizes that explanations can sometimes detract from the power of ideas.

"Going After Cacciato," called the "finest piece of American fiction to emerge from the Vietnam War" by the Baltimore Sun, is a complicated but rewarding book.

I would recommend it to fans of both war novels and stories of intense human emotion.

*Gale is a combat correspondent at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.*



### COMMANDING GENERAL

BRIG. GEN. JOHN M. PAXTON JR.

### SERGEANT MAJOR

Sgt. MAJ. FRANK E. PULLEY

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

MAJ. JOSEPH D. KLOPPEL  
[joseph.kloppel@usmc.mil](mailto:joseph.kloppel@usmc.mil)

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHIEF

MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR  
[janice.hagar@usmc.mil](mailto:janice.hagar@usmc.mil)

### PRESS CHIEF

STAFF SGT. SCOTT DUNN  
[scott.dunn@usmc.mil](mailto:scott.dunn@usmc.mil)

### COMBAT CORRESPONDENTS

CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
CPL. JESS LEVENS  
LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ

### WEBMASTER

DAVID HOFFMAN  
[david.hoffman@usmc.mil](mailto:david.hoffman@usmc.mil)

### CHEVRON/PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

1600 HENDERSON AVE. #120  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92140  
(619) 524-8727

The Chevron, printed with appropriated funds in compliance with Marine Corps Order P5600.31F, is published by Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego personnel. Opinions and views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Marine Corps or the Department of Defense. The Chevron is promulgated for informational purposes only and in no way should be considered directive in nature. All photos are official USMC property unless otherwise indicated.



# Making strides

## Wounded vets run, walk, roll in NYC

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron staff

Marines, spouses and sailors from Medical Holding Platoon, Naval Medical Center San Diego, recently took a free four-day trip to New York City to participate in the Achilles Track Club's Hope and Possibilities Run/Walk and to take in the city.

The Marines flew from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., on a C-130, and touched down at Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., last Friday.

New York City firefighters met the Marines at the landing strip and served as their weekend transportation. With the sirens of police escorts blaring, the wounded vets arrived in Manhattan and were greeted at the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club by firefighters, police officers, media and passersby. The entire block was barricaded off to prevent traffic. In the middle of the street, in the midst of all the commotion, Lance Cpl. Kelly Orman took a knee and asked his girlfriend, Rachael Cole to be his wife. She said yes, and two days later, firefighters handed Orman a can of white spray paint to mark his romantic spot. Orman painted two white hearts in the middle of the street.

The Marines met at Central Park early Saturday morning, joined by wounded service members from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Md., for an introduction to the 5-mile run, to stretch out. Some selected hand-cranked wheelchairs.

After the Central Park meeting, the firefighters took the Marines on an exclusive Ground Zero tour, where the 9/11 tragedies happened in 2001. The Marines spent the rest of the day on a double-decker bus tour of the city and then attended an appreciation dinner back at the hotel.

Sunday morning, the Marines rolled out of bed for the big race. Firefighters drove them to Central Park. The race was open to all, and many of the runners were ambulatory impaired or visually impaired. Marines who couldn't walk or run used racing wheelchairs.

Cpl. Nick Beberniss, whose legs were badly wounded in Iraq, rode an adult tricycle. After he finished, he saw his wife Leslie running to the finish line. He made his way back onto the road and ran with her the rest of the way. Doctors once told him he would never walk again.

"I think it really motivated my wife," said Beberniss. "Since my injury, she hasn't seen me do anything like that."

Leslie crossed the finish line almost in tears.

"I needed (to see him do that)," she said. "That was the most positive thing I've seen physically from him. Seeing

him run was overwhelming – I didn't know whether to smile or cry. I think I did both."

As the racers piled in, they moved to a VIP tent for food and drinks. The local USO provided some singers who entertained the service members with patriotic medleys while the racers recovered.

After a quick shower, the vets went aboard the USS Intrepid for a luncheon and awards ceremony from the Achilles Track Club. One dock space over, the Marines boarded a privately owned schooner for a water tour of New York City.

The trip ended with a visit to the Staten Island Marine Corps League to share drinks and stories with the local old-timers.

Early the next morning, the crew left the hotel and boarded the C-130 for the flight back to San Diego.



Before the race, Mary Bryant, Achilles Track Club coordinator, talks with Cpl. Nick Beberniss, whom doctors said would never walk again. He ran the race's last stretch with his wife Leslie.



Lance Cpl. Shawn Gooch (center), who suffered a blast injury to his arm, runs down the home stretch with two New York City firefighters Sunday in Central Park. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos



Cpl. Freddy Martinez jokes with other Marines after completing the five-mile Hope and Possibilities Run/Walk Sunday in Central Park.



USO New York City Troupe member Genna Griffith chats with wounded veterans from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Md.



USO New York City Troupe members Josette D'Ambrosi (left) and Genna Griffith perform a song-and-dance number after the race Sunday. The troupe provided entertainment and support for the service members throughout the weekend.

## Local supporters dine wounded troops, families

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron staff

About 40 Marines and two Navy corpsmen from Medical Holding Platoon, Naval Medical Center San Diego, attended an appreciation dinner Monday night at Casa Guadalajara Mexican restaurant in San Diego's Old Town.

We Thank Our Troops, a fledgling non-profit organization, hosted its debut event with the help of several other groups and businesses.

"We put this dinner together because it is our duty as Americans to support our armed forces," said Bob Zimmerman, We Thank Our Troops president. "I want to make sure that the sour welcome our troops in the past received stays in the past."

Everything was on the house, and Zimmerman raffled off several prizes donated by sponsors including free portrait sittings, hair salon treatments, round-trip flights, stays at resorts and bottles of wine. A unique gift was a five-liter bottle of red wine, given to Sgt. Doug Hayenga and his wife Dinora.

After the prizes were raffled – every Marine got something – Zimmerman said, "Let's eat!" The Marines promptly lined up for a Mexican fajita buffet and commenced to chow down.

"This is really great," said Cpl. Brad Collier in between bites of chicken. "It's really nice to see how appreciated we really are. It makes you feel good, and it lets you know people still care."

Zimmerman said, "It took about a month to set this up, but it's well worth the time. The people are out there to support the troops. You just have to search them out."

Zimmerman took a seat next to Collier and started exchanging stories with the troops over dinner.



Sgt. Doug Hayenga and his wife Dinora won a five-liter bottle of wine in a raffle Monday at the We Thank Our Troops appreciation dinner at Casa Guadalajara in San Diego's Old Town. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Col. Ana R. Smythe

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Col. Ana R. Smythe serves as the commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

She was born Aug. 19, 1952 in Cavite, Philippines. A Navy junior, she grew up in cities around the globe. She received her commission in September 1976 through the Officer Candidate Course having completed her undergraduate education at Shepherd College, W.V.

Following The Basic School at Quantico, Va., she received her designation as an exchange



officer, filling billets at Camp Elmore, Norfolk, Va.; Marine Barracks Rodman, Panama; and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In 1982, she was designated

as an adjutant and after completing school at Parris Island, S.C., for that occupational specialty, she assumed duties as adjutant and personnel officer, Weapons Training Battalion, Quantico. This tour was followed with an assignment as the adjutant for Marine Air Group 26, 2nd Marine Air Wing and Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

Selected for Intermediate Level School, she attended the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., from academic year 1989 to 1990.

She was subsequently assigned as the adjutant and deputy chief of staff for manpower, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan, until July 1994.

Returning to the continental United States, she held the billet as administration officer for Marine Corps Command and Staff College for two years and was subsequently transferred to Marine Security Guard Battalion where she assumed the billet of executive officer.

Command screened and slated, she was assigned as the commanding officer of Company E, Marine Security Guard Battalion that took her to Frankfurt, Germany, for two years. Selected to attend Top Level School, she attended the Army War College for the 1999-2000 academic year.

In summer 2000, she was slated for a joint assignment

within the office of the Secretary of Defense as the military assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for legislative affairs. After completing this three-year assignment, she was rewarded for her perseverance within the command.

She assumed her present command of H&S Battalion in July 2003.

Her personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and two Navy Commendation Medals.

Her two sons – Garrett, 21, and Garner, 19 – are attending college in the East, and her 12-year-old daughter Taylor lives with her in San Diego.

# Surrogate tribe

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR. Chevron staff

*The new private, who graduates today with Company G, said he didn't know where he was going. He just followed the others, passing the ones who could not survive the treacherous journey.*

Recruit training was a cakewalk in comparison.

In 1987, a 5-year-old Abraham M. Bonna followed thousands of lost and orphaned children shepherding each other out of Sudan. They walked away from war but into a dangerous wilderness.

Bonna, born in a native Sudanese

tribe, escaped death in his home country where the northern regime persecuted all non-Muslim, non-Arabs. And as he fled, mankind and nature spared no peril in his quest for sanctuary.

Lions ate children, and young Bonna walked past the leftovers through an untamed forest. Moreover, Antinovs, Northern Sudan's flagship bomber plane,

unleashed all sizes of ordnance on the travelers, according to Bonna.

Some leaders showed the younger travelers how to run and take cover from the Antinov strikes. Dirt was protection in most cases but a death dealer when bombs buried some alive. Bonna described the larger bombs, which he said had the blast radius the size of a football field. He saw bombs kill many travelers. One bomb exploded 15 yards away as he lay in a hole like his leaders taught him.

Bonna said he trekked more than 100 miles to temporary refuge in Ethiopia. He's not exactly sure how far the journey spanned, but he remembers walking cross-country for a month with little rest. Many Sudanese orphans reportedly walked over two hundred miles to sanctuary.

Ethiopia was a safe haven for refugees from surrounding countries at the time, part of a United Nations effort to help people escape bloodshed.

"There was no war or sounds of guns," said Bonna. He felt at ease, not having to worry about being shot or blown up because of his heritage.

This quiet only lasted a few years. Ethiopia's own unrest escalated into war and Bonna was forced back to Sudan.

A year later, he joined refugees headed for another country. He would live in Kenya for nine years, attending UN-backed schools and learning English, his fourth language.

This haven was also the last place he made correspondence with his family. "I heard from (my father) in Kenya through the Red Cross," Bonna said. "It takes months to get a letter through and get one back."

In 2001, the U.S. government began resettling 3,600 Sudan-born refugees staying in Kenya. Bonna's group flew into the country and divided across the states. Illinois would be Bonna's new home.

Now an adult, he was placed in Geneva, Ill., for a couple months and then across town to Elgin where he worked on

his general equivalency diploma. Bonna eventually completed a special high school diploma program and started taking speech and English classes at his local community college.

Early in college, a friend in the Army encouraged Bonna to talk to a recruiter. Bonna agreed, but saw the Corps as his clear choice.

"I chose the Marines because of the training they do and the way they feel when they graduate," said the soft-spoken Bonna. "It complements my life experience more."

Bonna also said seeing the Marines on the news and seeing what they are doing, he wanted nothing more than to be a part of that team.

Bonna made it clear to his Recruiting Station Chicago recruiter Sgt. Joshua P. Cunningham that he would make a good Marine.

"He is very set in his ways," Cunningham said. "When he puts his mind to something, he's going to get where he wants to be."

Cunningham said Bonna's openness, cheerfulness, respectfulness, and punctuality exude a will to succeed. "He finds some sort of joy in everything," said Cunningham.

Of all Bonna's fractures, kindness has seeped inside, whether from fellow refugees or Americans taking him into their homes. Now, joining the Corps has given him a new and empowered independence, and he aims to get his education in law while serving in legal services.

"The single most important thing that has happened to me is getting the opportunity to come to the U.S. so I can make changes to my life," he said. "I learned to be self-reliant."

In his treacherous boyhood march – his only option – he fell in line with many others and stayed alive. Bonna, born in the Dinka tribe, was never afforded rites of passage to be a tribal warrior because a zealous regime forced him away before coming of age. Today, he marches as a different warrior – a Marine – and he said he's grateful to do so voluntarily because his adult future means more than surviving. It means living.

Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn contributed to this report.



At five years old, Pvt. Abraham M. Bonna, Platoon 2081, Company G, walked more than 100 miles through dangerous forests during Sudan's civil war. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

# GOLF COMPANY



Staff Sgt. Jason A. Sheets motivates Pvt. Justin K. Burchard, Platoon 2083, as the recruit runs an obstacle course June 14. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

**These are America's newest Marines and their leaders at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Company G graduates 317 men today:**

**SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION**  
Commanding Officer  
Lt. Col. V. A. Ary  
Chaplain  
Lt. Cmdr. E. S. Pease  
Sergeant Major  
Sgt. Major T. T. Hoskins  
Battalion Drill Master  
Staff Sgt. D. A. Headrick

**COMPANY G**  
Commanding Officer  
Capt. S. D. Miller  
Company First Sergeant  
1st Sgt. D. J. Plorin  
Company Corpsman  
Petty Office 3rd Class O. M. Santos

**SERIES 2081**  
Series Commander  
Capt. C. A. Dodd  
Series Gunnery Sergeant  
Gunnery Sgt. Sanford

**SERIES 2085**  
Series Commander  
Capt. S. T. Jones  
Series Gunnery Sergeant  
Staff Sgt. J. S. Smith

**PLATOON 2081**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. J. A. Acero  
Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. J. J. Mora  
Sgt. W. Francoeur  
Sgt. M. J. Salazar

Pvt. C. K. Abernathy Jr.  
Pfc. T. E. Bassett  
\*Pfc. W. R. Baur  
Pvt. E. D. Beckner Jr.  
Pvt. M. E. Bedbury  
Pvt. K. J. Bell  
Pvt. C. L. Bonfield  
Pvt. A. M. Bonna  
Pvt. W. Carpio  
Pvt. D. R. Castillo  
Pvt. L. J. Cooper  
Pvt. M. A. Diazgarcia  
Pvt. S. T. Dicioli  
Pvt. R. T. Do  
Pvt. T. L. Eckardt  
Pvt. A. W. Flores  
Pvt. D. T. Ford  
Pvt. C. S. Frye  
Pfc. J. M. Geisler  
Pvt. M. R. Grise  
Pvt. C. M. Gualandi  
Pvt. A. R. Guevara  
Pvt. J. S. Ham  
Pvt. V. H. Handy Jr.  
Pvt. J. H. Hardt  
Pvt. A. J. Hernandez  
Pvt. R. C. Hernandez  
Pfc. J. A. Hicks  
Pvt. J. T. Hoth  
Pvt. C. G. Jackson  
Pvt. R. R. Jackson  
Pvt. J. L. Jordan  
Pfc. B. H. Kato  
Pvt. B. W. Keller

**RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT**  
Commanding Officer  
COL. W. M. CALLIHAN  
Sergeant Major  
SGT. MAJ. M. L. SHEPARD  
Regimental Drill Master  
GUNNERY SGT. C. A. WALKER  
Parade Adjutant  
CAPT. S. D. MILLER  
Narrator  
STAFF SGT. R. E. JIMENEZ

Pfc. R. W. Kimball  
\*Pfc. F. A. Koch  
Pfc. D. E. Krutzfeld  
Pfc. R. W. Kunzler  
Pfc. G. E. Kurpis  
Pvt. B. R. Kurtze  
Pvt. S. D. Landon  
Pvt. G. F. Lindgren  
Pvt. H. A. Love III  
Pvt. N. J. Manzi  
Pvt. J. D. Martin  
Pfc. W. J. McSweeney Jr.  
Pfc. C. P. Meade  
Pvt. P. Motz III  
Pfc. C. J. Parra  
Pvt. B. D. Sherrill  
Pvt. K. J. Travis  
Pvt. M. J. White  
Pvt. B. S. Williams

**PLATOON 2082**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. B. R. Hunter  
Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. J. A. Sheets  
Sgt. J. M. Anderson  
Sgt. J. M. Lopez

Pfc. T. R. Bloom  
Pvt. C. D. Brooks  
Pvt. J. R. Brunkalia  
Pfc. K. J. Burger  
Pvt. J. A. Canales  
Pfc. P. J. Charbonneau  
Pvt. M. C. Cobb  
Pvt. D. J. Cobian  
Pvt. M. T. Corr  
Pvt. T. E. Coulter  
Pvt. D. B. Dam  
Pfc. J. H. Davis  
Pfc. S. B. Dussell  
Pfc. J. K. Edmunds  
Pvt. J. V. Fontenot  
Pfc. J. A. Forler  
Pvt. S. M. Franks  
Pfc. D. M. Frantz  
Pvt. A. M. Fry  
Pvt. A. Garcia-puga  
Pvt. J. D. Gray  
Pvt. T. C. Gray  
Pfc. T. J. Hinton  
Pvt. J. S. Hobbs  
Pvt. T. L. Johns  
Pvt. G. K. Jones Jr.  
Pfc. J. B. Keeleer  
Pfc. K. M. Kelleher  
Pvt. M. B. Lafontain  
Pvt. D. M. Lagunas  
Pvt. A. W. Lehnertz  
Pvt. M. D. Liddle  
Pvt. N. Litton III  
Pvt. B. R. Mancuso  
Pvt. J. N. Marker  
Pvt. M. F. Marks  
Pfc. C. A. Martinez  
Pvt. J. A. Mayes  
Pvt. M. B. McDonough

Pvt. A. C. McGlashan  
Pvt. J. F. Mendiola  
Pvt. D. E. Molinaacosta  
Pvt. K. C. Mulligan  
\*Pfc. J. K. Murakami  
\*Pfc. J. M. Myers  
Pvt. S. A. Neal  
Pfc. N. J. Parker  
Pvt. B. D. Peck  
Pvt. J. M. Peralez  
Pvt. J. A. Perkins  
Pvt. B. A. Reber  
Pvt. D. E. Southern  
Pvt. N. R. Wright  
Pvt. M. C. Young  
\*Pfc. B. T. Younts

**PLATOON 2083**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Gunnery Sgt. A. T. Leal  
Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. J. Angulo  
Staff Sgt. K. A. Mobley  
Staff Sgt. A. Sanchez  
Sgt. M. A. Castillo

Pvt. J. A. Amos  
Pvt. A. A. Aparicio

Pvt. C. A. Beaver  
Pvt. A. S. Bisen  
Pvt. G. M. Blanco  
Pfc. M. A. Blaul  
Pvt. D. V. Bolin  
Pfc. J. M. Brown  
Pfc. Y. R. Buday  
Pvt. J. K. Burchard  
Pvt. B. R. Burr  
Pvt. L. A. Cabrera  
Pvt. E. E. Condreay Jr.  
Pfc. D. B. Conklin II  
Pfc. T. F. Cortezramos  
Pvt. J. R. Dahl  
Pvt. J. E. Davis IV  
\*Pfc. A. T. Dorf  
Pvt. D. P. Doty  
Pvt. T. P. Enz  
Pvt. J. T. Ernest  
Pvt. J. G. Fink Jr.  
Pfc. P. L. Fleming Jr.  
Pvt. M. A. Flores  
Pfc. O. J. Garcigalindo  
Pvt. N. D. Garlich  
Pvt. M. A. Gonzalez  
Pfc. B. C. Guthrie  
\*Pfc. J. G. Halaney  
Pvt. J. D. Hardesty



Pvt. Adrian Salas  
El Paso, Texas

**A:** Drill instructor  
Sgt. R.C. McGaughy.  
And he's the coolest.

Pvt. C. N. Hart  
Pvt. S. J. Iwatsuru  
Pfc. J. E. Jackson  
Pvt. C. J. Jones  
Pvt. J. D. Jones  
\*Pfc. A. M. Joseph  
Pvt. M. B. Kiefer  
Pvt. M. R. Kolenc  
Pvt. N. F. Konrad  
Pfc. M. A. Koval  
Pvt. A. A. Limjoco  
Pfc. J. E. Lopezbarrios  
Pvt. W. M. Maurer  
Pvt. M. Mendez  
Pvt. E. S. Miron  
Pfc. A. L. Mrha  
Pfc. J. F. Nash III  
Pvt. D. Ochoa  
Pvt. M. F. Ochoa-rodriguez  
Pvt. P. J. Palermo  
Pfc. J. C. Parsons  
Pvt. O. A. Ramirezfrias  
Pvt. J. A. Rangier

**PLATOON 2085**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. C. C. Tanner  
Drill Instructors

Pvt. J. D. Anderson  
Pfc. S. P. Ayers  
Pvt. R. A. Banning  
\*Pfc. J. R. Bogges  
Pvt. B. W. Brown  
Pvt. N. C. Brush  
Pvt. D. A. Castaneda  
Pvt. D. A. England  
Pvt. R. Garnica  
Pvt. L. S. Hood III  
\*Pfc. J. M. Houston  
Pfc. R. N. Johnson  
Pvt. C. J. Wilson  
Pvt. D. E. Ohse  
Pvt. A. M. Olson  
Pvt. J. E. Garza  
Pvt. A. J. Moya  
Pvt. E. Ramirez  
Pvt. E. W. Ray



Pvt. Thomas R. Creer  
Riverside, Calif.

**A:** Marksman.  
My goal was sharpshooter because I like its medal the most.

Pfc. C. N. Hart  
Pvt. S. J. Iwatsuru  
Pfc. J. E. Jackson  
Pvt. C. J. Jones  
Pvt. J. D. Jones  
\*Pfc. A. M. Joseph  
Pvt. M. B. Kiefer  
Pvt. M. R. Kolenc  
Pvt. N. F. Konrad  
Pfc. M. A. Koval  
Pvt. A. A. Limjoco  
Pfc. J. E. Lopezbarrios  
Pvt. W. M. Maurer  
Pvt. M. Mendez  
Pvt. E. S. Miron  
Pfc. A. L. Mrha  
Pfc. J. F. Nash III  
Pvt. D. Ochoa  
Pvt. M. F. Ochoa-rodriguez  
Pvt. P. J. Palermo  
Pfc. J. C. Parsons  
Pvt. O. A. Ramirezfrias  
Pvt. J. A. Rangier

**PLATOON 2085**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. C. C. Tanner  
Drill Instructors

Pvt. J. D. Anderson  
Pfc. S. P. Ayers  
Pvt. R. A. Banning  
\*Pfc. J. R. Bogges  
Pvt. B. W. Brown  
Pvt. N. C. Brush  
Pvt. D. A. Castaneda  
Pvt. D. A. England  
Pvt. R. Garnica  
Pvt. L. S. Hood III  
\*Pfc. J. M. Houston  
Pfc. R. N. Johnson  
Pvt. C. J. Wilson  
Pvt. D. E. Ohse  
Pvt. A. M. Olson  
Pvt. J. E. Garza  
Pvt. A. J. Moya  
Pvt. E. Ramirez  
Pvt. E. W. Ray



Pvt. Jesse J. Martinez II  
Mesquite, Texas

**A:** Spend time with my family at the biggest buffet in town.



**Platoon 2087**  
**COMPANY HONORMAN**  
Lance Cpl. J. S. Votaw  
Midland, Texas  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. A. Gomez



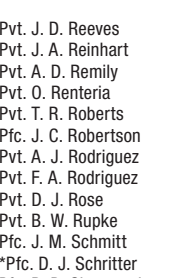
**Platoon 2081**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. D. E. Krutzfeld  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. W. E. Campbell



**Platoon 2085**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. M. A. Salas  
Dallas  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. J. Elizondo



**Platoon 2087**  
**HIGH PFT (300)**  
Pvt. A. R. Sorensen  
West Valley, Utah  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. J. Kittel



**Platoon 2087**  
**HIGH SHOOTER (247)**  
Lance Cpl. J. S. Votaw  
Midland, Texas  
Marksmanship Instructor  
Sgt. C. C. Surma



**Platoon 2087**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. A. Cervantes  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. D. K. Arthur  
Staff Sgt. D. L. Barrett  
Sgt. L. A. Ham  
Sgt. C. N. Mancio

\* Meritorious promotion



**Platoon 2082**  
**SERIES HONORMAN**  
Pfc. K. M. Kelleher  
Denver  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. D. Wedgewood



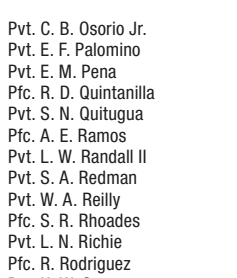
**Platoon 2083**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. J. E. Jackson  
Manchester, Mo.  
Recruited by  
Sgt. J. A. Kirkwood



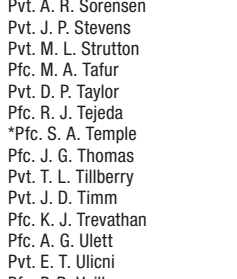
**Platoon 2086**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. D. J. Schritter  
San Diego  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. B. J. Benito



**Platoon 2087**  
**HIGH SHOOTER (247)**  
Lance Cpl. J. S. Votaw  
Midland, Texas  
Marksmanship Instructor  
Sgt. C. C. Surma



**Platoon 2087**  
**HIGH SHOOTER (247)**  
Lance Cpl. J. S. Votaw  
Midland, Texas  
Marksmanship Instructor  
Sgt. C. C. Surma



**Platoon 2087**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. A. Cervantes  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. D. K. Arthur  
Staff Sgt. D. L. Barrett  
Sgt. L. A. Ham  
Sgt. C. N. Mancio

\* Meritorious promotion



# RTR takes win-win



Recruit Training Regiment players crowd home plate with their first-place CG's Cup softball trophy. They came from behind, 20-18, against undefeated Support Bn. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

## Cup points add up as two regiment teams go to finals

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
Chevron staff

Top-ranked teams in the Commanding General's Cup softball league clashed Tuesday at Beeson Field for the league finals. Recruit Training Regiment overcame Support Battalion, another RTR team, 20-18 in the championship game.

After three rounds of elimination games, the two teams were paired in the championship game.

Both teams were undefeated in their brackets and had never played each other. They had to earn their spots in the main event by maintaining their status as insuperable opponents.

Six teams competed in the league finals that led to the championship game.

CPAC and PMO eliminated Recruiters School and Headquarters and Service Bn. respectively in the early rounds, and Support Bn. and RTR, eliminated CPAC and PMO respectively.

CPAC and PMO later competed against each other for the third place spot. CPAC threw everything it had at PMO in the first inning, with the score reading 9-0, but both teams went into the second inning with third place on the brain.

Throughout the game, PMO drew closer to CPAC's nine runs, while CPAC was having trouble getting a 10th run.

In the bottom of the fifth, PMO disappointed CPAC with a 17-9 comeback and a third place spot in the standings.

In the finals, RTR and Support Bn. took to the field.

RTR and Support Bn. players looked forward to facing each other in the championship game.

"It is going to be a good game," said 1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards, Support Bn. pitcher. According to Edwards, both teams had strong characteristics and the game could have gone either way.

Staff Sgt. Reynaldo A. Cruz was the first to put figures on the score sheets for

RTR, but Maj. David B. Morgan did the same when Support Bn. batted next. The first inning ended with RTR chasing Support Bn. by one run.

In the top of the second inning, Gunnery Sgt. Chris T. Balcazar, RTR left fielder, drove Edwards' pitch and gave Staff Sgt. Justin Branch and Cruz opportune moments to cross home plate and put two more runs on the cards.

The tide turned on Support Bn. when RTR defense wised up to Support Bn.'s style. RTR quickly reversed its one-run difference, closing the second inning at 8-7.

"The (team) had a positive attitude, whether we were up or down," said Balcazar. "The whole time, I was really looking at RTR points for the overall CG's Cup."

RTR held the score at 8-7, but two important stops by Morgan, Support Bn. shortstop, led to two base outs and Support Bn.'s next at bat.

The third inning was the first opportunity Support Bn. had to re-take and maintain the lead. For RTR, it would be the first of three innings without a single run.

In the bottom of the fourth, RTR's minor mistakes gave Support Bn. a few opportunities to capitalize. Sgt. Francisco J. Corona, RTR shortstop, let a ground ball slip by him. While the ball continued to roll into right field, Support Bn. players on base brought two more across home plate. Moments later, Staff Sgt. Nelson repeated his teammates mistake, allowing for another run. The score flipped from 11-8 to 11-16, in Support Bn.'s favor.

"We were making too many mistakes," said 1st Sgt. John M. Gonzales, RTR first baseman. "I was thinking we just had to cool our jets and relax. We started getting back into it and that's what helped."

Defense, good sticks, ball placement, and a few key walks brought RTR back into the game.

"There was a rough umpire," said Sgt.



Staff Sgt. Brian K. Fernandez knocks a base hit in PMO's 17-9 comeback victory against CPAC for third-place in the tournament.

Kyle Ledlie, Support Bn. third baseman. "Not to take anything away from RTR's win, but you're supposed to hit and win, not walk and win."

Balcazar showed frustration after another ground out. He had failed to touch a base in the fifth and sixth innings. But at the top of the seventh, RTR had come back from five runs under to lead the score with 20-18.

In the bottom of the seventh, the game was over after Edwards popped a fly ball to left field and into Balcazar's hand.

RTR took home the CG's cup softball trophy and celebrated on the field after the game.

Flag football is the next scheduled CG's Cup event, beginning Tuesday.



Cpl. Christopher P. Ransom, CPAC, waits on deck for his turn to bat. CPAC blew a 9-0 lead and settled for fourth place in the CG's Cup softball tournament.